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Father Dave Mercer (center) joyfully watches as the Christian Unity service gets started at the campus chapel Thursday. The unity service brought together members from the

Catholic Campus Ministry, United Campus Christian Ministry, the Episcopal Canterbury Community, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

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Christians gather in unity

Different denominations join together for Christian Unity Week

By Kimberly Lamke
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Members of the Catholic Campus Ministry, United Campus Christian Fellowship, St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Canterbury Community worshipped together for the first time in the Spartan Memorial on Thursday to

celebrate the common bond between their denominations.

The four Christian groups held the prayer service in honor of Christian Unity Week between Jan. 20 and 24. The worldwide observation commemorates the unity that all Christian denominations share. Unity Week has been observed for more than 25 years and was created to mend strained relationships

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that have existed between different denominations, said the Rev. Canon Douglas Williams of the Episcopal Canterbury Community.

"Our service today is not a circling of the wagons for Christian denominations designed to exclude non-believers but rather us facing our own sinfulness on campus and how we

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Nurses get new help from Nightingale

By Catherine Spencer
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's school of nursing was one of the few hundred department selected for an opportunity to sample the Nightingale Tracker, a new software application designed to aid nurses.

The school was chosen because it continually offers nursing students learning experiences in the community through its nurse-managed care centers, said Sylvia Hutchinson, SJSU public affairs officer.

During a semester-long research project, 10 volunteer nursing students who are participating in the study will test the software in nurse-managed care settings.

The Nightingale Tracker was scheduled

to be unveiled Thursday in a training seminar where nursing students will get their first chance to experiment with the latest interactive technology.

"I am looking forward to the study because I am almost computer illiterate and thought it might give me a great chance to learn more about using computers," said nursing major Anna Militante.

The Nightingale Tracker is accessed through a Sony Magic Communicator, a small, hand-held computer which projects on-screen accessories like a telephone, rolodex and a web access icon.

By simply touching the screen, students can communicate with their instructors any time, any place through e-mail, fax or voice

mail.

This software virtually walks students through assessments and allows charted information to be sent back to the doctor's office electronically while the nurse is still in the patient's home.

"This system has the potential to revolutionize the way we teach nursing," said Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, nursing professor and campus coordinator of the project.

With this handy device, students no longer have to travel miles to pick up or hand in assignments, she added.

The computer, which looks like a personal organizer, can be easily transported wherever the student goes.

Since students are in a variety of locations

and the instructor can't be everywhere at once, the Nightingale Tracker helps increase and maintain communication with students.

"It will undoubtedly enhance the ability of faculty members to safely supervise several students who are located in multiple settings," Gorney-Moreno said.

The Nightingale Tracker's only drawback is that it will increase instructor's workloads with more messages, but student assignments will be turned in quicker, Gorney-Moreno said.

Currently a majority of the nursing curriculum is focused on community-based care because more hospitals are sending patients home early, said Jayne Cohen, director of

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Muslims encouraged to keep faith

By Deanna Zemke
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University Muslim Student Association had Hisham Abdullah speak at the Almaden Room in the Student Union Thursday night to celebrate the last 10 days of Ramadan.

The last 10 days of Ramadan symbolize the end of 29 days of fasting in which Muslims refrain from eating, drinking and sexual activity from dusk until dawn. The last 10 days of Ramadan are a time of spiritual power as Muslims try to come closer to God through devotions and good deeds. This is also a time to contribute to charity and some Muslims go on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Abdullah came to speak to encourage Muslim students to continue with their Muslim practices and beliefs. Originally from Egypt, Abdullah has a Ph.D. in clinical pharmacology and is working on a master's degree in organizational management. He came to the United States not only to study, but to be involved in the Muslim community. He is actively involved in giving speeches throughout the Bay Area.

According to MSA member, Mohammad Islam, "Ramadan brings spiritual uplift. We pray to bring our spirituality closer to our leader, Allah. Fasting lets us understand the feelings of the needy and gives us a sense of direction. The last ten days are more important.

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Retired SJSU professor Lawrence Pugno has opened Stage Stop Books, a store specializing in rare, out-of-print books.

Providing an archive

By Cindy Millan
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Literary Willow Glen residents have reason to rejoice.

One more bookstore made its debut on Lincoln Avenue amid Hicklebee's, Lincoln Avenue Books and Willow Glen Books.

Retired SJSU Professor Lawrence Pugno opened Stage Stop Books in mid-November. Located at 1261 Lincoln Ave., Suite 104, the store specializes in rare, out-of-print books and new books about California and the West.

With the help of a database called Interloc, Pugno locates thousands of titles for interested customers who want

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Problem of insufficient textbooks could be avoided

San Jose State University is failing its students by not having textbooks available for some classes.

Imagine receiving a homework assignment and not being able to finish it, not because you didn't want to but because you couldn't buy the book. This problem faces students as the semester begins.

It seems inexcusable that a major university can't get its act together and have adequate supply for the demand.

Class schedules are published well in

advance of the start of the semester, which could give some indication as to what books might need to be ordered.

The blame doesn't fall completely on the book store but on administrators and teachers as well.

In an article in the Spartan Daily, Steve Johnson, associate director of textbooks at the Spartan Bookstore, said part of the problem is part-time instructors aren't given enough notice as to what courses they will be teaching. Their lack of notice places a bur-

den on the Bookstore, which receives the order late. This problem is the fault of the University, which should be able to notify part-time instructors earlier.

The other portion of the blame should be shouldered by the full-time faculty who either turn in their book requests late or fail to order enough books for the students in

their classes.

It's a shame that students can't treat late book requests the same way professors treat late homework assignments. Instructors who have taught a class for a while should be able to judge and estimate the number of textbooks they will need for their course.

Instructors should also use some common sense when ordering books for their classes. There is no need to require students to buy books, which are either outdated or will rarely be used in their class. This could

decrease the amount of books ordered and increase the efficiency of the Bookstore in supplying the books.

Insufficient supply of textbooks should not be a big problem in a major university. There will understandably be a certain amount of bureaucracy and some things will fall through the cracks, but this should be an anomaly, a freak occurrence, not a widespread problem.

Editorial

Children need a strong sense of cultural pride

Imagine a classroom in which the students are predominantly Spanish, some white, some Asian and a few of mixed heritage. Everything in the classroom is in English and Spanish: the calendars, the alphabets, books and so forth.

The first part of the class is focused on learning the fundamentals of English and the second half of the class is completely devoted to Spanish-speaking concepts.

Now imagine the same diverse group of students, but this time, omit all the Spanish books, alphabets and calendars. Out of these two very different educational forms, which would benefit the growing ethnic cultures in today's society?

In the article, "Young Children," Carol Brunson Phillips writes that neither culture nor differences is the problem; it is how people respond to the changing cultures that is the problem.

Phillips emphasizes that action is needed in order to care for diversity. A lot of schools respond to the various cultures in a negative and narrow-minded way. Schools want to conform to one method of teaching, regardless of whether it benefits the children. That is the harsh reality of today's educational system.

The fact is most students in the United States don't know how to cope with the growing diverse cultures. Children are seldom taught to accept and identify with their own culture.

When most of us were in elementary school, we were never encouraged to recognize our own individual cultures and take pride in it.

In order to understand each other, we must first identify with ourselves and our culture.

We were just Americans — never Asians, Hispanics, Native Americans, African Americans, Filipinos and so forth.

In order to understand each other, we must first identify with ourselves and our culture. Once we get a sense of our own identities, only then can we identify with others. Taking pride and understanding one's own self enables us to have respect for others.

School administrators and teachers are so busy worrying about budget and salary cuts and the multiplying number of students that they can't take the time to reassess what they are trying to achieve through their efforts. Somehow, through all the paperwork, the children get lost.

Melanie Balague is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



WRITER'S FORUM
By Melanie Balague



Media lose humanity of story

Every now and then someone comes along who shows so much decency that even the most cynical people have to respect him or her.

This is true for Bill Cosby, the comedian whose son Ennis was murdered in Southern California.

Since I was in Southern California during Christmas break, I heard the press conference given by LAPD Police Chief Willie Williams, during which he told reporters that Cosby's first concern was about how the mother of a girl, who was slain in a gang shooting the same day Ennis was killed, was doing. It was remarkable that he had enough compassion to give to others even as he was mourning the death of his son.

So, flash forward now to Thursday's paper, and what do I see is the big story about Cosby? Nothing more earth-shattering than his announcement that he once had an affair with a woman 23 years ago! Yep, more than 8,000 days ago, more than 200,000 hours ago, Cosby had an affair.

Cosby's infidelity is all part of a story in which a young woman, Autumn Jackson, was arrested on charges of trying to extort \$24 million from the comedian by threatening to go public with her claim that she was his daughter. The woman to whom Cosby admitted having an affair is Jackson's mother.

Whether he is the girl's father is not important. Stories like this used to be the meat and bread of such Pulitzer Prize-winning supermarket publications such as the Enquirer, The Globe, and countless others. Each week someone has had an affair, been kidnapped and sexually fondled by horny extraterrestrials, disappeared down the hatch of a toilet where evil sewer gremlins lurk or Tupac Shakur is still alive and doing a rock/rap act with Elvis in Graceland.

Our respectable newspapers are looking more like tabloid trash. The media are beginning to be more about entertainment. Editors are making decisions on what will get people to drool on the newsprint rather

than what they need to know.

Watching the Cosby murder case unfold, I found it harder to defend the media. CNN and Fox News both showed Ennis' body laying out on the street during the initial police investigation of his murder. They know that Americans will not change the channel if there is a genuine dead body on the screen.

I remember several years ago when a boy fell into the L.A. basin and drowned. Someone managed to get film of him going by, screaming and waving his arms, before vanishing under the water again.

One network showed the tape, and before long every one of them were doing the same. But, that wasn't enough. They had to show it in slow motion so that everyone could see that his eyes were filled with fear, his mouth wide open as he screamed, and his little hands reaching out for an outstretched hand. None of the networks thought about the grieving family, they just thought about how cool it would be to show a little boy's last moments before he died horribly.

Once again, with Cosby the media has abandoned the humanity of the story and chosen to go for sensationalism. Forget about the murdered son, let's just go for the sex. If they could, they would find a way to tie in the affair to the murder of Ennis. What if the "daughter" hired a hitman to kill Ennis in retaliation for being arrested?

What can you do every time you see something like this? Write letters to your local stations and newspapers. Better yet, call them and give them a piece of your mind. As a consumer, they have to care about what you say. They have to assume that there are other people out there who feel the same way you do and that they can lose money if they do not listen to your opinions.

As for me, I'll just continue to change the channel or turn the page, as I have always done.

Shane Lewis is the Spartan Daily Entertainment Editor. His column appears every Friday.

OUT OF SYNC Shane Lewis



Taking small steps to attain difficult goals

It has been exactly four days, eight hours and 37 minutes since I quit smoking pot. Yeah, yeah. Big deal, whatever.

Well, to me it is a big deal because as Bill Murray said in the movie, "What About Bob?" it's all about baby steps.

But as time plods ever so slowly, I've begun to realize some universal truths about pot smokers and their unique culture. So consider this your guidebook to the world of pot, and if you can identify with any of this, well, think baby steps.

First off, the pot friends and I use the term "friends" very loosely. They are otherwise known as the mooches, the leeches and the hangers-on. These people will come over every day, ostensibly to visit you, but just end up visiting your weed and your food. After they leave, you may feel sort of violated, but that feeling fades after a day or so, at which time they'll be back. I know, it's a vicious cycle.

Before entering the bathroom, arm yourself with disinfectant because serious stoners clean their bong more often than their bathroom. And forget about ever finding the toilet paper roll in the dispenser. More often than not, it will be propped up on the dispenser or on the back of the toilet. Refilling the dispenser takes all of 10 seconds and is, therefore, too time-consuming.

The couch, otherwise known as "the guest room," is a beautiful example of communal living. Consider the change you find between the cushions the only kind of rent you'll ever see from the couch crashers.

The coffee table, if you can't find it, is more than likely under that pile of dirty dishes, beer bottles and papers in front of the couch. It also doubles as an ottoman and an ash-tray.

If durability is a concern, make sure the table isn't glass. Otherwise, you're inviting its destruction. Wood or metal is the way to go.

And, finally, the kitchen. You won't find any dishes in the sink because they are all in the living room, decomposing. The refrigerator is usually a barren wasteland devoid of anything edible — unless you like eating ranch dressing.

Remember the aforementioned leeches? They make excellent scavengers, and they can and will eat everything you own.

So ends your tour of the typical stoner home. If you happen to walk into a house with these characteristics, don't be alarmed; potheads aren't savages, just misunderstood. Always remember to talk slowly and watch where you sit. As for me, I'll be at home cleaning the coffee table.

Andrew Hussey is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



WRITER'S FORUM
By Andrew Hussey

First off, the pot friends and I use the term "friends" very loosely. They are otherwise known as ... leeches and hangers-on.

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Readers are encouraged to express themselves on the Opinion page with a Letter to the Editor or Campus Viewpoint.

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Campus gateways worthy of funding

Letter to the Editor

I am concerned about an editorial I read in the Spartan Daily, "Campus gateways are financially the wrong way."

I graduated from San Jose State University in 1951. There are a core group of alumni volunteers who consistently support various campus projects.

I have personally been a part of the expansion of Spartan Stadium and also am involved in the Business Classrooms Building Renovation, two campaigns I'm sure you would agree benefit students immensely.

I feel the gateways are just as meritorious as those campaigns, except that their purpose is slightly different.

It is true that the gateways will be symbolic — they are a symbol of our commitment to the city's vision for the redevelopment of downtown, a commitment we do not take lightly. But more importantly, the gateways will provide the

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much-needed formal entrances to this campus that have been lacking for so long.

To say that private money raised should be directed only

to scholarships and computer labs is to take a very narrow view of the university's mission.

Campaigns like the gateways and funds for those types of student needs can and do happen simultaneously. (Funding for all of those issues you mentioned is constantly being addressed by other fundraising activities and by legislative measures.)

As a member of the President's Advisory Board, part of my duties includes encouraging the legislature to increase funding to meet our campus needs. This frees my personal dollars so that I can contribute to the causes that I feel are worthy ones.

Glenn George
Alumnus

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Rush with Beta Theta Pi

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity will hold a rush event and movie night today at 5:30 p.m. on 282 S. 10th St. across from the Business Towers. Call 993-6955 for more information.

Mu Alpha Gamma holds Magazine Day meeting

Mu Alpha Gamma will hold a meeting for Magazine Day today at 12:30 p.m. at Dwight Bente Hall in Rm. 213. Call 966-8015 for more information.

Muslim Student Association has Jumah meeting

Muslim Student Association will hold a Jumah

meeting today from 1-2 p.m. in the Almadaen Room in the Student Union. For more information call 956-1412.

Free spaghetti lunch from L.D.S. Student Association

The L.D.S. Student Association will hold a free spaghetti lunch today at 12:30 p.m. in the San Jose Institute on 66 S. 7th St. Call 286-3313 for more information.

Indian Student Association holds general meeting

The Indian Student Association is having a general meeting today at 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room.

Sigma Theta Psi offers brown bag lunch

Sigma Theta Psi will have a brown bag lunch on

today at 11:30 at the barbecue pits. Call 847-2396 for more information.

Tailgate basketball team with Phi Gamma Delta

Phi Gamma Delta will have a basketball tailgate Saturday at 5 p.m. It will be held at the Fiji House. The contact number is 292-5333.

Rush and barbecue with Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma will have a rush party barbecue Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 360 E. Reed St. Contact 287-4289 for more information.

Beta Theta Pi to hold rush

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity will hold a rush event on Saturday at 12 p.m. at 282 S. 10th St. It will be a rugby game tailgate. Contact 993-9655 for more

Join Catholic Campus Ministry for Sunday Mass

The Catholic Campus Ministry will hold a Sunday Mass at 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph Cathedral. Call 938-1610 for more information.

Hit the slopes with Beta Theta Pi

Beta Theta Pi fraternity will have a snowboarding trip on Sunday to Bear Valley. Call 993-9655 for more information.

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Capsized craziness

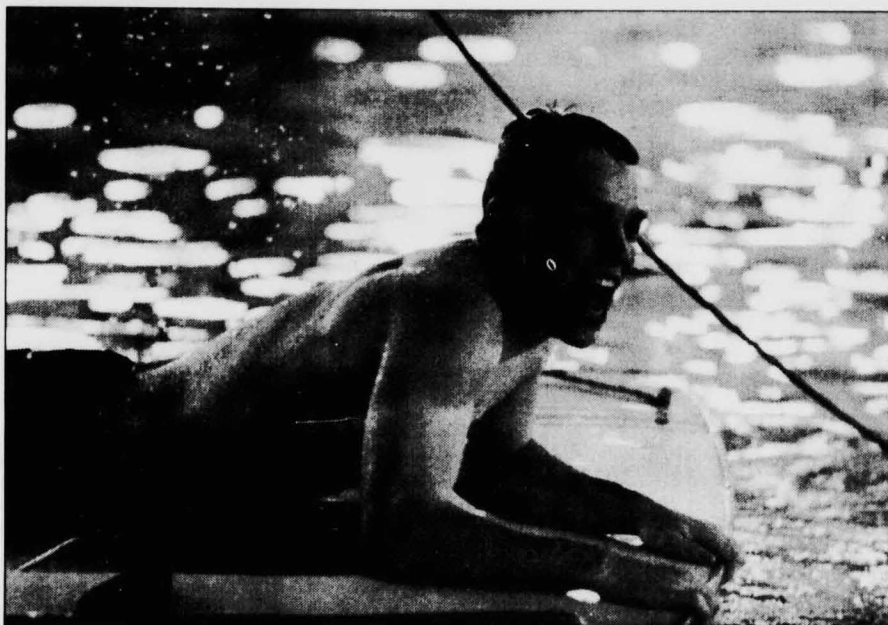


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Freshman Nick Koske exults after rescuing himself from a capsized sailboat in the SPX pool Thursday afternoon during a beginning sailing class. The one-unit class is taught at Lake Cunningham in San Jose on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. and no experience is necessary other than passing a swimming test and capsized boat drill. Call instructor Shirley Reekie at 924-3020 for more information.

Virginia's anthem examined

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — With lyrics glorifying slavery and words like "darkey" and "old massa," Virginia's state song survived school desegregation and the election of the nation's first black governor.

It's an anthem blacks and many whites find so offensive that it has not been sung at an official state function in more than two decades, but it has defied legislative efforts to replace it every year since 1988.

This year, a black Democrat and a white Republican are asking fellow lawmakers in the state General Assembly to retire "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" while recognizing its place in Virginia's history.

"I'm a white woman here, and I'm embarrassed," said Melissa Harrell, 27, of Richmond. "That song had its day. This is not it."

On Tuesday, the Senate — gathered in the same Capitol where the Confederate Congress met — voted 24-15 to designate "Carry Me Back" as state song emeritus and direct a study committee to come up with a new state song.

No senator spoke in favor of retaining the lyrics. Most of the senators who voted against retiring the song wanted it dropped immediately and not given emeritus status.

One of the 15, Sen. Stephen H. Martin, said he wanted a new official song before retiring the old one.

"Over my lifetime I've sung it many times, but I replaced the questionable lyrics with things like 'old

fella,'" Martin said.

The bill, sponsored by Republican state Sen. Stephen D. Newman and Democratic state Sen. L. Louise Lucas, now proceeds to the House of Delegates, which also is expected to vote to retire the song, as it did overwhelmingly three years ago.

A separate bill would designate the song "Virginia," written by country star Jimmy Dean and his wife, Donna, as the official state song.

Gov. George Allen has not taken a position on the bills but favors legislation that would give Virginia a song that would make them "inspired and proud," spokeswoman Julie Overly said. "Virginia operates under a plantation mentality," said Paul Gillis, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "They have not yet felt those people who were out working in the fields should have equality."

A black New York minstrel, James A. Bland, wrote "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" in 1875. The song takes the perspective of a freed slave reminiscing fondly about a "darkey's" longing to return to plantations where he labored for "old massa."

The General Assembly adopted it as the state song in 1940 after a slight change — "Virginny" to "Virginia" in the title — but it hasn't been played at a state function for more than two decades.

The first attempt to repeal the state song was made in 1970 by then-

state Sen. L. Douglas Wilder, a grandson of slaves who went on to become the nation's first elected black governor.

Wilder said Tuesday that he supports the proposal to designate the anthem as state song emeritus, a move intended to appease people who say the song's place in state history should be preserved.

"The important thing is that this song not be recognized as the official state song of Virginia," Wilder said. "It would then take on the position of being a relic, and there are any number of relics around."

In practice, the song is something of a relic already. It is not taught in the public schools and is rarely sung in public.

Richard Bradley, an Army retiree from Hopewell, said Virginians should resume singing the song publicly. "There's too much history our kids will never know about," he said.

Bradley said legislators could remove most objections by simply changing the word "darkey." Wilder disagreed, noting language in the second verse of the song.

In that verse, Bland writes about dying and once again seeing "massa and missis ... on that bright and golden shore."

"My grandmother was sold and separated from my grandfather, and they had two children," Wilder said. "You mean to tell me my grandfather would be singing these words? It's unreal."

marijuana have not been proved.

Kassirer said marijuana is safer than some drugs used legally for some of the same conditions, such as morphine.

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Cal State officials outline steps for Camarillo State Hospital conversion

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Start-up costs will run about \$29 million to convert Camarillo State Hospital into California State University Channel Islands, CSU officials said.

Speaking to a campus development committee of the CSU board of trustees on Tuesday, CSU Channel Islands President J. Handel Evans outlined steps needed for conversion of the soon-to-be-closed hospital.

The plan stressed a need for private development, technology-based academics and unequivocal community support. Preliminary plans put start-up at about \$29 million to get classes on hospital grounds by next year.

"It is well-known in the community that CSU will not do it alone, cannot do it alone," Evans said. "Without partnerships, this will not

reach fruition."

Chancellor Barry Munitz, emphasizing timing was the key, said trustees must decide by May if they wish to ask Gov. Pete Wilson to put money for the school in the state budget. A final study on the campus is due in April.

The initial report identified four development phases totalling \$172 million, but much of the funding wouldn't come from traditional state sources. CSU officials will instead look to leasing, private development and bonds.

Sharing the 1 million-plus square feet could be offices, homes, elderly care, retail business, a conference center and educational services for local industry, the plans said.

On Tuesday, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors agreed on a 3-2 vote to negotiate with university offi-

cials to use part of the hospital grounds for mentally ill people, including those who are homeless.

State funds would pay to run the 16-bed locked facility and a 40-bed facility for homeless mentally ill people, said Steven Kaplan, director of the county Behavioral Health Department.

Ventura County has about 1,000 homeless people who could qualify, Kaplan said.

But Evans said a lock-down facility "is not conducive to our mission," although he promised to meet with county officials to discuss it.

Classes from the CSU Northridge satellite center in Ventura could be moved to the grounds for the 1998-99 school year. Conversion to CSUCI would begin in 2000. By 2005, it would have 3,250 full-time students.

President Salinas admits inattentiveness

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari says in an interview published Thursday that he should have paid more attention to the finances of his brother Raul — who is jailed on charges of murder and corruption.

But he said the government's prosecution of his brother has been "twisted" by false, forced or bought evidence and said he believes Raul is at least innocent of murder.

The two-pages of text published by El Norte of Monterrey and Reforma of Mexico City is the second of a three-part series on the only extensive interview Salinas has granted since leaving office in December 1994.

It contains his most extensive comments yet on scandals that stained his administration. Salinas was honored worldwide when he left office and was the U.S.-backed candidate to head the World Trade Organization.

His reputation plunged with the collapse of Mexico's peso in late December 1994, followed by the arrest of Raul Salinas in February 1995 on charges of masterminding the murder of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu.

"I am convinced of the innocence of my brother" in the murder, Salinas said.

He noted that officials have not produced a coherent motive for the September 1994 murder of the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, who had been divorced from a sister of the Salinas' brothers 20 years earlier.

Salinas noted that the murder case has been plagued by alleged irregularities, including contradictory testimony, allegations a key witness was paid and suggestions prosecutors tried to coerce evidence against the former president's brother.

But he expressed surprise at the discovery Raul had amassed more

than \$100 million under false names in foreign bank accounts while serving as a mid-ranking federal bureaucrat.

Salinas blamed himself for "a lack of greater attention on my part to the behavior of my brother."

He noted that news reports have suggested Raul was trafficking in his relationship with the president but insisted that his government had never taken any action that was swayed by payments to Raul.

Some of Raul's business partners won government contracts or bought major companies from the government during Salinas' administration. Salinas insisted those sales were honest, open and had been audited.

Salinas left Mexico shortly after Raul's arrest and a squabble with his successor, President Ernesto Zedillo, over who was to blame for the economic collapse. He has been living in Ireland.

Jesse Jackson's father dies of heart attack

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Noah Robinson Sr., the father of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, has died of a heart attack at the age of 88.

Robinson died a few hours after being hospitalized Monday, Greenville County Coroner Parks Evans said today.

Jackson, the founder of the National Rainbow Coalition and presidential candidate of 1984 and 1988, said he will conduct the eulogy for his father Sunday afternoon.

"It was always an honor to be Noah Robinson's son," he said. "I will miss him."

Jackson didn't learn until he was 5 or 6 years old that the father he was living with was not his natural father. In a 1988 interview, he said the discovery was "interesting, but it was not traumatic, because I was never fatherless or an orphan."

Some of his relatives weren't so sure, recalling childhood taunts aimed at Jackson about not having a

father.

"Being born out of wedlock bothered him disproportionately to the way it did anyone else we grew up with," said his half-brother, Noah Robinson Jr. "Humiliation. That's the fuel that pushes Jesse."

Author Gail Sheehy, who wrote about the 1988 presidential candidates in "Character: America's Search

for Leadership," said Jackson told the elder Robinson: "Just you watch, I'm going to be more than you think I can be."

Robinson, who was not married to Jackson's mother, is survived by his wife, Catherine, four sons, two stepsons and several grandchildren.

Medical journal endorses medical use of marijuana

BOSTON (AP) — The New England Journal of Medicine has come out in favor of allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana for medical purposes, calling the threat of government sanctions "misguided, heavy-handed and inhumane."

"Whatever their reasons, federal officials are out of step with the public," Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer, the journal's editor, wrote in an editorial in Thursday's issue. The journal is one of the world's most prestigious medical publications.

After voters in Arizona and California passed propositions letting doctors prescribe pot for medical uses, Attorney General Janet Reno said doctors who do this could lose their prescription-writing privileges, be excluded from Medicare and Medicaid and even be prosecuted.

Some doctors believe marijuana

can relieve internal eye pressure in glaucoma, control nausea in cancer patients on chemotherapy and combat the severe weight loss seen in AIDS patients. However, administration officials note that such uses of

marijuana have not been proved.

Kassirer said marijuana is safer than some drugs used legally for some of the same conditions, such as morphine.

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ABL fans can see great play; that is, if they can find tickets

On my way to an American Basketball League, a women's professional basketball league, game at the Event Center, I encountered two gentlemen holding an all too familiar folded, brown, cardboard sign.

We need tickets.

Deceived by their appearance, I thought I was attending a Golden State Warriors game at the Arena, where despite the losing season, fans still attend and scalpers still thrive.

My colleague, who was accompanying me to the game, said the men must have been undercover police officers waiting to catch an unsuspecting ticket holder looking to make an illegal transaction.

I guess I was too naive. With the increasing popularity of women's basketball, I thought that they were legitimate despite what the media has said



FROM THE STANDS
By Rowena Milado

The quality of the game must not be that bad. The men risked getting arrested and braved the cold winter weather for a courtside seat to history, the inaugural season of the ABL. With the inception of this league, talented women ballers can now play at home in front of their family and friends, unlike the past when the players were exiled to another country to participate in a sport they love to play.

In the past, fans have been deprived from watching women compete in professional basketball leagues while skeptics argued that women's

about the lack of quality present in women's professional basketball.

basketball isn't as competitive, the game's pace is slower on the fast break, no one dunks, and that the level of talent and ability of the players are inferior to their male counterparts.

However, from an ABL game you can expect no-look passes, stolen balls, cross-court feeds, crunch-time free throws with seconds left on the game clock, hail Mary threes, intense positioning in the post, bruised arms and legs, scoop shots, the celebrations of the winner and the defeated expression of the loser — the Lasers on this night.

If this isn't basketball, I don't know what is.

I don't know if those guys ever made it inside the game or not. I hope they did, because if they didn't, they missed a FANTASTIC basketball game.



PHOTO BY DAVE LUCHANSKY • Spartan Daily
Olivier Saint-Jean reaches for a loose ball during the first half of the Spartans' 87-74 loss to Hawai'i on Thursday. He left the game with 12 minutes remaining in the second half with a pulled hamstring, yet managed to score 22 points.

Rainbows are pretty; Spartans are not

By Mike Traphagen
Spartan Daily Senior Writer

Hawai'i Rainbows guard Alike Smith erupted in the second half and his teammate Anthony Carter scored 21 points to beat the SJSU men's basketball team 87-74 Thursday at the Event Center.

The Spartans (9-8, 1-6) trailed by five points in the second half after a dunk by forward Olivier Saint-Jean, but Hawai'i (14-3, 6-1) answered with two jumpers from forward Eric Ambrozich and guard Anthony Carter. Smith then added two consecutive three-pointers to take a 53-39 lead with 15:40 remaining in the game.

"It was definitely a big lift for us," said Carter of Smith's three-point shooting. "If he's feeling it, then he's going to shoot it. It's just my job to find him on the fast break and hope he keeps

making the shots."

Spartans coach Stan Morrison said his team could not recover from Smith's shooting from beyond the arc.

"(Smith) hit those two consecutive three-pointers and that opened a big gap for them," Morrison said. "Then they just cruised. The game became a layup drill for them."

Saint-Jean scored 18 first-half points, but a second-half hamstring pull in his right leg caused him to leave the game with 12:40 remaining. He finished with 22 points.

"It was spasming after the game and he was in some real pain, but he'll bounce back," Morrison said.

When asked whether Saint-Jean will play in Saturday's game against San Diego State, Morrison said, "I'm counting on it."

He added Hawai'i had more team speed than the Spartans have played.

SPARTAN STATS

SJSU	FG-A	FTA	Reb	A	To	PF	Min	TP
Saint-Jean	10-17	1-2	3	2	3	2	29	22
Addison	2-7	2-2	3	3	1	1	29	7
Ambrozich	3-7	0-0	2	0	1	0	18	6
Hile	1-3	0-2	0	7	0	1	32	2
Quinet	3-6	4-6	3	4	4	0	28	10
Campbell-Hall	2-6	0-0	0	0	1	4	9	6
Williams	5-10	3-4	2	3	2	2	24	13
Lowery	2-4	0-2	1	0	0	2	7	4
Taylor	2-4	0-0	2	2	1	4	22	4
Kavanagh	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	30-64	10-18	23	22	13	16	200	74

Hawai'i	FG-A	FTA	Reb	A	To	PF	Min	TP
Krueger	3-6	3-4	5	4	5	4	32	9
Ambrozich	2-3	3-3	6	1	3	2	23	7
Sundberg	4-8	0-0	10	0	4	3	28	8
Smith	6-11	4-4	2	3	3	3	32	20
Carter	10-13	1-2	3	7	3	2	34	21
Curry	2-4	1-2	3	5	0	0	22	5
Robinson	5-6	3-4	4	1	2	3	17	13
Anderson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furlong	2-3	0-1	1	0	0	2	12	4
Total	34-54	15-20	34	21	21	18	200	87

San Jose State: FG% .469, UH 63.0 FT% .545, SJSU 54.5, UH 75.0 3-pt goals - SJSU 4-11, 36.4 (Saint-Jean 1-1, Addison 1-4, Hile 0-1, Quinet 0-1, Campbell-Hall 2-4) UH 4-7, 57.1 (Smith 4-7)

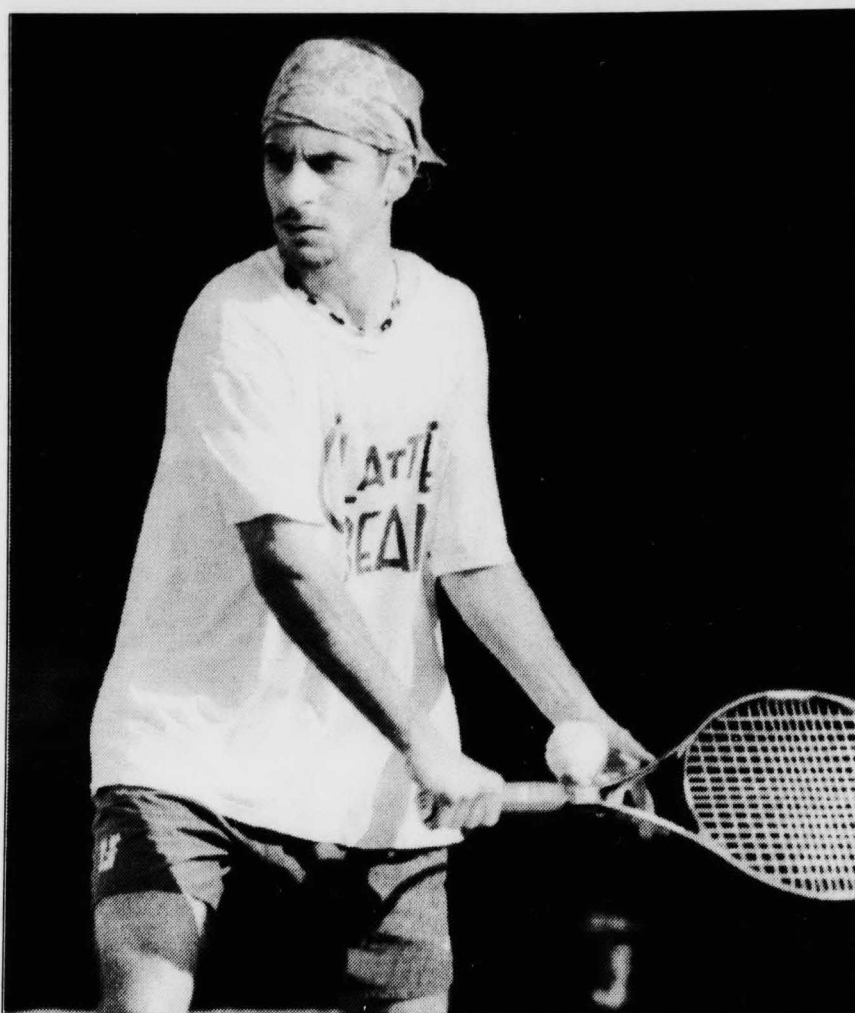


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Todd Dissly, SJSU men's tennis team captain, focuses on playing a game during Wednesday's practice. The Spartans will be playing Fresno State University at 1 p.m., Sunday at Spartan Courts, which is located next to Spartan Stadium on the South Campus.

Men's tennis team awaits WAC storm

By Tricia Herrera
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

After a winter of foul weather, San Jose State University's men's tennis team is anxious for the clouds to part and the season to begin.

"With all the rain, we just want to get out there and start," head coach John Hubbell said.

The Spartans start their season against Santa Clara University at Courtside in Los Gatos today. The team has its sights set on winning more games than last season, when it tallied only three victories.

"We have a lot more depth than last year," senior Ryan Sellschop said. "The team as a whole should do better this year."

Sellschop, who transferred to SJSU after spending his freshman year at USC, is in his third year with the Spartans.

The team is optimistic because, of the eight team members, six are returning from last year. The team will be relying on seniors Steve Reilly, Todd Dissly and Sellschop for key wins throughout the season.

Hubbell said this year's team is solid from top to bottom.

"We are very strong in the lower part of our lineup than years before," he said.

Also adding to the strength of the lineup is sophomore Damu Bobb. A new addition to the team,

Bobb is a transfer student from Howard University. Senior Mark Kyric and Bobb are the only newcomers to the squad.

The Spartans dive into rough waters this season as they enter the Western Athletic Conference. SJSU's schedule features four of the Top 20 collegiate tennis teams. They will be playing top ranked schools such as Cal, UNLV, Fresno State and Stanford.

"We're playing a lot of top schools, but it provides us with a lot of good experience," Sellschop said.

One of the top ranked teams they will be playing is Fresno State, which last year was ranked 5th in the nation. SJSU faces the Bulldogs on Sunday afternoon at the South Campus tennis courts.

"We're going to be competitive," assistant coach Ernie Garcia said. "We have returning players and Damu Bobb should help us out this season."

This is Garcia's first year as an assistant coach. He played for Hubbell during the 1985-86 season. Today's opener will be played in Los Gatos, a neutral site.

"Santa Clara has always been our big rival," Sellschop said. "It's always a close match, last year we lost but it was real close."

After Sunday's game with Fresno State, the team will have a two-week rest before they face the University of San Francisco at home on Feb. 21.

"We have a lot more depth than last year. The team as a whole should do better this year."

— Ryan Sellschop, SJSU tennis player

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Gymnasts set sights on season, regionals

Coates, Almstedt and Law look to use record-setting season as a springboard

By Jana Seshadri
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A sign on the wall of Jackie Walker's office simply states, "Winning isn't everything, but losing sucks."

In her 13th year as head coach of the San Jose State University women's gymnastics team, Walker, along with assistant coaches Steve Wilken and Kevin Crumley, is preparing the

12-member team to excel further than it has in past seasons.

Walker's team has already returned from its first meet in Sacramento against UC Davis and MIT with a score of 187.225 out of 200, 3.6 points higher than any meet last year, and ninth best in SJSU women's gymnastics history.

Bridgette Coates placed first in both of the season's first two meets. Teammate Hawley Almstedt tied Coates for first in one of the two meets.

"The competition gets better every year,"



COATES

Walker said. "And the only way to reach the top is if it's an entire team effort."

The team is composed of: Almstedt, Tara Law, Coates, Carissa Medeiros, Danielle Wasko, Courtenay Cole, Katie Ulrich, Joana Ojog, Nicki Koep, Tanika Byrd, Jahna Preble and Cristin Heald.

Almstedt, Law and Coates participated in the NCAA Regionals in April of 1996. This year they hope to not only qualify for Regionals, but to place higher in the meet than they did last year.

Walker hopes that her team, currently ranked No. 8 in the region will make it to the western regional competition this year, which is

open to the top seven teams. Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Hawai'i and Washington join California in the western region.

"I'm really excited," said freshman gymnast Koep. "The whole team is working really hard hoping to make it to the regionals."

The gymnasts make full use of their practice session in order to realize their goal of making it to the top seven.

"After a record-setting 1996, and the girls starting out the way they did this year, the sky's the limit," assistant coach Crumley said.

When asked if the team effort will pay off and whether they will indeed make it, Walker smiled and replied prophetically, "Oh, yes."

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SATURDAY

- Women's swimming at Fresno
- Baseball v. Pacific Municipal Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Softball Alumni Game SJSU Field, 1 p.m.
- Men's basketball v. SDSU Event Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball at SDSU
- Men's gymnastics at UCSB

SUNDAY

- Baseball at Pacific
- Men's tennis v. Fresno State Spartan Courts, 1 p.m.
- Softball at California

Simpkins

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ship gift. The couple helped revive the Spartan Marching Band in the 1970s and spearheaded the rebuilding efforts of the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Moreover, they have given equipment to the Nutrition & Food Science Department. Mrs. Simpkins earned an A.B. in home economics and marketing in

1946. Mr. Simpkins himself, who earned his baccalaureate degree in physics from SJSU in 1948, had been honored by the school twice. Both have received the Tower Award, the university's highest award, and honorary degrees by the CSU system.

Mrs. Simpkins' involvement with the center began when she served as president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma House Corp. She established the house for the sorority's local chap-

ter and worked with the national sorority and a local architect to build the 25,000-square-foot house in 1964. When the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority relinquished its charter at San Jose State University, the facility became a halfway house.

The halfway house later went bankrupt. The Simpkins seized the opportunity to obtain the building for use by the university in June of 1978, having seen an example of an

international house on television. The couple traveled to Alabama to view the operating procedures of that facility.

When they returned, the Simpkins began renovating the house and buying new beds and bedding. They opened its doors in September to 40 students.

Since then, the center has been housing students from all over the world.

Pugno

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to explore specific needs and subject matter. He connects with other dealers wired to the same database.

He said 75 percent of his business is through the database and he may put it on the Internet.

"You can't compete with Barnes and Noble," he explained. His reason for focusing on special needs is to provide what Barnes and Noble doesn't.

In addition to out-of-print publications, Stage Stop Books has a book collection of Native American and Western Americana. Pugno started gathering Western American books when he lived in Murphys, Calif., before moving to Willow Glen.

"Books are an extension of being an educator," said the former SJSU professor.

Joyce Link, owner of Lincoln Avenue Books located south of Stage Stop Books, doesn't feel any competi-

tion. "People collect books and the one thing about bookstores is that it's better to have more than less," Link said. "They get lots of business that way."

Willow Glen Business and Professionals Association helps businesses in the Willow Glen area and Stage Stop Books was no exception.

"It certainly complements the other bookstores," said association manager Mary McLane. "It has its own niche."

"I hope it brings new customers who are interested in those rare, out-of-print books. And the store may introduce new people who haven't been to the area before," she said.

Before the new bookstore venture, Pugno taught secondary and comparative education at SJSU from 1957 until his retirement in 1989.

"Books provide a stimulus for education," he said. "Part of education is to provide a library for people."

Rays for a day

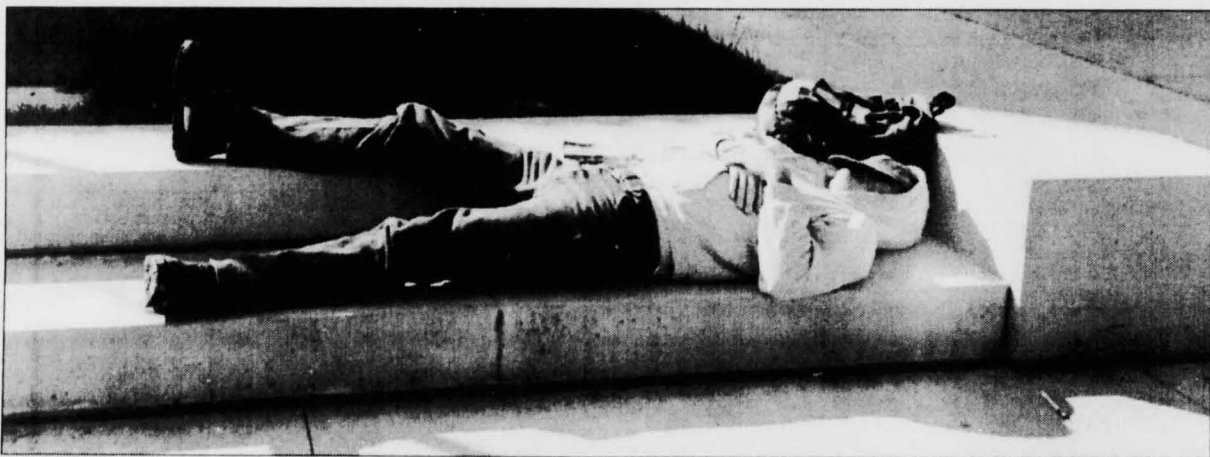


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Environmental studies senior Kevin O'Kelley takes advantage of the sunshine before the next storm rolls in this weekend.

Students have access to many religious groups

By Kimberly Lamke
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

More than 225 religious denominations exist in the United States today. Students on this campus have access to many organizations from which they may learn about major religious organizations.

The Episcopal Church in this country is the American branch of the worldwide Anglican (Church of England) communion, which began in 1534 when the English monarch, rather than the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), was reorganized as the head of the church on earth. This church relies totally on the traditional liturgy in its worship, but it is distinctive in

leaving undefined the nature of the Communion bread and wine, regarded as a spiritual mystery. It acknowledges no central authority, although bishops are an important symbol of unity. Aesthetic in orientation, it incorporates theology into liturgy and relies the five physical senses. Its clergy are priests who have the authority of the church's hierarchy.

"Our faith is like a three-legged stool. One leg is the traditions of the church, one leg is Biblical scripture and its importance and the third leg is reasoning. Without all three of these legs present, the church cannot stand on its own," said the Rev. Anna Lange-Soto, Associate Chaplain of the Episcopal Canterbury Community of San Jose.

Community of San Jose.

The United Methodist Church began as a movement within the Church of England. Methodism expanded between 1738 and 1790 under the leadership of John and Charles Wesley. The direct action of the Holy Spirit infused the formal liturgy of the church. Although Methodism remains history-minded and respectful of liturgy, it typically has been concerned with ministering to the poor and disadvantaged, expressing its faith in compassion for the human condition. Strong in the U.S. from its inception in 1784, its membership brings it close to being the national church.

"We are a church that is focused

more on counseling and less on doctrine. For us some things aren't set in stone... God gave us a thinking mind so that we can consider current issues with the church's guidance," said the Rev. Sherron Courneen, Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

The Catholic church basically points to the entire Christian tradition but is defined more specifically by whom it identifies as a church authority. Solid and unchangeable are accurate descriptions of the Catholic church, which identifies the Pope as the head successor of the apostles, identified as such through generations of ceremonies where authority was passed down.

"The word Catholic means 'universal' and that's what we try to be. We recognize that Christ is central, the Bible is the word of God and we try to live compassionate, selfless lives. We don't always succeed in this but we try our best," said Fr. Dave Mercer, Chaplain of the Catholic Campus Ministry at San Jose State University.

Students interested in attending a religious organization's activities may contact the Student Activities Office at 924-5950 to find out whether the religious organization they are interested in learning more about has a chapter on-campus.

(Some information provided by "Handbook of Denominations in the United States," Mead & Shaw, Abingdon Press, 1990.)



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Rev. Dick Roe (right) of SJSU's Episcopal Canterbury Community gives a warm hug to junior Tony Rivas during a service for Christian Unity at the campus chapel Thursday. The service was held to bring a sense of unity between various Christian denominations.

Unity

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can reach out to others," Williams said.

The service, which lasted 30 minutes, emphasized that believers from all Christian denominations should love one another.

"The Bible makes many references to loving our neighbors, strangers and non-believers," said the Rev. Anna Lange-Soto, associate chaplain for the Episcopal Canterbury Community. "We also have to remember that we must love others of similar Christian faiths in the same way."

Lange-Soto said: "Our denominations have worked on divisions for the last few thousand years. Now it's time to work on togetherness."

Many of the attendees also echoed the same sentiments.

Tony Rivas, psychology major, said the service was about breaking ground in new areas of his spiritual life. "Interpersonal faith has a lot to do with togetherness. If students support each other, it makes life a lot easier," Rivas said.

After the message, the worshipers exchanged blessings, sang a hymn and continued the fellowship with one another.

John Wilhelmsson, philosophy graduate student, said, "Wholeness and healing is what this service was all about. In general, a greater wholeness among Christians is a goal for us. It is the 'us-against-them' philosophy we are trying to change."

Ramadan

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Good things have come from Allah after you've worked and done your best."

There are five components that make up Ramadan. First is the belief in the oneness of Allah, then there are the five daily prayers (before sunrise, noon, afternoon, dusk and night), charity, the fasting and the pilgrimage.

There are two things the Muslims follow: Sunnah, which contains the traditions of the prophet Muhammad, and Koran, which is the word of God.

"These things run our lives. I take guidance from these. During fasting, I feel thirsty but I feel more spiritual and uplifted which gives me more energy," said Islam.

The evening began with a group prayer led by Abdullah. The congregation took off their shoes and chanted, knelt and bowed to their leader on a large white sheet. This was followed by a huge meal which included the traditional food of dates and milk.

Abdullah spoke about how Muslim students who come to the United States return home as better Muslims because they were able to

meet with one another in an open environment.

"The MSA should have a vision. We should be a mercy to humanity," Abdullah said.

Three goals of the Islamic faith were stressed by Abdullah. The first objective is to understand Islam before calling others to it, then this needs to be applied to their own lives, and finally they need to propagate this message and share it with others.

Non-Muslims were also present at the event. Freshman computer science major Hezekiah Conley said, "I came to see the speaker to hear what he has to say. Islam is interesting. I study all religions and put together all I've learned to form my own beliefs."

Abdullah was an inspiration to some students. "After listening to his speech, I feel that I'm not fulfilling all of my duties as a Muslim. He motivated me to work on that," said business finance graduate Khalid Amoura.

Wali Rahmanid, president of MSA, said, "It's good to have someone who knows more about the MSA than I do. You don't want to lose focus on what the MSA is for: to give people the right version of Islam."

It could soon pay to pee

By Laura Vanni
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Public toilets don't normally inspire visions of beauty, that is, unless you are talking to San Jose city officials and downtown merchants. They consider pay toilets a veritable vision of splendor.

Margaret Tamisica, assistant to San Jose Councilman David Pandori, said Pandori is a strong supporter of the public pay toilet project for downtown San Jose.

"These toilets are an amenity any major downtown needs to attract patrons," said Miguel Salinas, spokesman for the San Jose Downtown Association. He said that businesses such as Woolworth's, Caffè Zucco, Casa Castillo and others located on First, Second and Santa Clara streets would benefit from the toilets.

"We want them desperately," said Janice Karp with R&J Jewelry & Loan located on South First Street.

Business owners in the area are tired of non-customers using their restrooms. Karp believes these peo-

"These toilets are an amenity any major downtown needs to attract patrons"

— Miguel Salinas, S.J. Downtown Association

ple, who include the homeless, are a distraction and nuisance for her business.

Possible locations along the light rail line include Plaza de Cesar Chavez, Fountain Alley and Saint James Park.

The toilets, which originated in France, are installed in many U.S. cities, including San Francisco. The cost of the toilets range from \$100,000 to \$150,000. They are sturdy, well-lighted, wheelchair accessible and elegant, said Francois Nion, senior vice president of J.C. Decaux, a company that manufactures pay public toilets.

The toilets also provide instructions in seven languages and Braille. It costs 25 cents to use the San

Francisco facilities. After each use, the toilet system takes 55 seconds to clean itself automatically, readying the stall for the next user.

According to testimony at past San Jose City Council meetings, the toilets are self-cleaning. The need to hire manual labor is usually minimal, thus lowering maintenance costs.

Downtown San Jose's few public toilets are plastic, portable and perceived as unpleasant.

In San Francisco, the toilets were installed in exchange for 90 advertising kiosks.

A proposal to do something similar in San Jose fell through.

Last year, the San Jose officials put out proposals to install elegant

toilets at no cost to the public. San Jose lost its two bidders, J.C. Decaux and Gannett/Wall City Design, because they didn't think they could make enough money from the advertising on the kiosks.

"In San Jose it was a question of money," Nion said. The company receives all its revenue through the advertising or leasing of the toilets.

"The price to do the advertising was too high," Tamisica said. She said San Jose does not have the same high advertising demographics as San Francisco and would not be able to sell enough ads to pay for the toilets.

"The city has put out a new request for proposals to lease or purchase the facilities," said Susan Aizumi, assistant landscape artist for the city of San Jose. The toilets would likely be paid for through taxpayer money and redevelopment funds.

According to Katy Jensen, senior landscape artist for the city of San Jose, city officials and merchants would like to install six toilets initially, with plans for 12 more to be installed later.

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Grace Period for Repayment of Balances for Purchases	20-25 days from the date of the periodic statement (provided you paid your previous balance in full by the due date).
Annual Fee	None.
Minimum Finance Charge	\$.50 in any month that a Finance Charge is payable.
Method of Computing the Balance of Purchases	Average Daily Balance Method (including new purchases).

Fee for Convenience Checks: None. Transaction Fee for ATM and bank cash advances: 2% of the amount of the advance but not less than \$10. Late Payment Fee: \$20. Over the Credit Limit Fee: \$20. Returned Check Fee: \$20.

The grace period does not apply to cash advances.

Balance Transfer Option: You may transfer up to \$1000 from another VISA®, MasterCard®, Discover® or Optima® account. There are no transfer fees to transfer balances from your current credit card accounts to your new First USA VISA account, and First USA will take care of all the paperwork. The VISA®, MasterCard®, Discover® or Optima® accounts you indicate will show a credit reducing the amount you owe by the amount you transferred. The available credit on your First USA account will be reduced, just as if you had made a purchase. The balance transfer amount will show up on your initial First USA statement. Your other credit card account(s) will not be closed (even if you transfer the entire balance). If you want to close an account, please contact the other credit card company directly. It may take up to three weeks to set up your account and accomplish the balance transfer transactions. Therefore, you may need to make payments on your other accounts to keep them current. Balance transfers are contingent on approval of your First USA account. First USA reserves the right to decline to process any partial or full balance transfer request and will not process a balance transfer request from any other First USA account.

The credit disclosures given above were printed on the print date set forth below and were accurate as of that date. The credit information is subject to change after the printing date. You should contact us for any change after the printing date by calling us toll free at 1-800-547-6954. Alternatively, you may write to us at First USA Bank, PO Box 8658, Wilmington, DE 19899-8658.

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